

# PRECEDENTS FOR TAKING ALASKA.

Strongest Opponents of the Measure Represent Annexed Territory.

BETTER THAN ALASKA.

Islands Would Be of Much More Use in All Strategic Movements in the Pacific.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—Almost thirty years to day from the ratification of the treaty which gave Alaska to the United States, the treaty for the annexation of Hawaii was signed in the city of Washington. Although but thirty-seven Senators voted in the affirmative, but two votes were cast against the ratification of the treaty with Russia. It is a somewhat remarkable commentary on the character of the proposition to the ratification of the Hawaiian treaty that nearly three-fourths of the Senators who are against the proposition come from the territory which the United States annexed either by purchase, cession or conquest.

The most strenuous opponent in the Democratic ranks represents the State of California, which was added to the Union by conquest at a time when its population represented as great a disproportion against the American settlers as does Hawaii today. Even more, in those days of the ox cart and the Indian-hunted trail, California was months away from the heart of the Union, while Honolulu to-day can be reached in ten days from New York City.

It is also plainly noticeable that a stronger argument against the annexation of Alaska could have been made than any now advanced against the annexation of Hawaii. Unalaska is as far from San Francisco as Honolulu. It is more vulnerable

from either Vladivostok, Yokohama, or from the coast of Japan, and furnishes no position of strategic value as an outpost of the Pacific. It is purely an object of attack and would require an even larger fleet for its defense than would the Hawaiian Islands, yet no American would to-day abandon Alaska for any other territory, the policy which it cost the United States.

## Alaska's Promise Bears Fruit.

Russia parted with Alaska through a wise statesmanship, which, not blind to its possibilities of immense development, preferred to rest to the north of the British possessions a stronger barrier against Great Britain's extension and one which would develop under the powerful impetus of American energy into a self-sustaining and aggressive commonwealth. This prospect of the future is being rapidly borne out.

Today Russia favors the annexation by the United States of the Hawaiian Islands rather than cede them to the United States. Russia herself would not give up in a call a bait. American annexation is desired by the Czar in order that the balance of power in the Pacific be maintained. At Hong Kong, in possession of Asia and the Gilbert and Marshall Islands, and the Spanish in the Philippines and the Carolines, with France and the Germans in the Marshall and exercising paramount influence in the Pacific, it is plain to see that the interests will be best served by having Hawaii under the American flag.

## Russia Favors Annexation.

Count Cassini, late Russian Minister at Pekin, has already been gazetted as Minister to the United States. Within a few weeks he will have arrived in Washington. To him is due the credit of having concluded the Japanese advance in China, the wresting from Japan of the control of Korea, and the thwarting of British and German influence in Pekin. It was he who secured the secret treaty whereby the trans-Siberian railway leaves the tortuous course of the interior and secondly, the route of the trans-Manchurian railway, obtained through him with the next fifteen years gridded the northern half of China into a network of immense commercial value and of undoubted strategic importance should any nation dispute with Russia her title to the larger share of China, when the inevitable Russianism shall come.

Count Cassini's mission to the United States possesses no less importance than his mission to Pekin. It is the desire of the Czar to the Russian and the United States with the strongest bonds of commercial friendship. Five-fifths of the northern temperate zone lie in the possession of the two powers. Together they dominate the gold, iron, copper, lead, grain, timber, coal, oil, hay, home and wool products, areas north of the equator. Instead of being competitors, it is the desire of the Czar and the astute statesmen who carry out the Muscovite policy, that they should be the Great that the United States and Russia should combine their interests that the two nations who meet, elate, house-craft and the world's affairs be paramount in the world's affairs.

## World Help Russian Trade.

During the last Administration a tentative position was advanced to the American Government by Russia looking to the control of the world's wheat market. It consisted in the suggestion that the United States be given the power to lay an export duty on the shipment of wheat, but it was dropped before it reached the Senate. Twelve months in Washington that the possibilities of international co-operation between Russia and the United States are well worth consideration.

The completion of the Trans-Siberian Railway will lead to a tremendous export from the Pacific coast of mining, milling and lumber machinery, and of thousands and one articles which American ingenuity has already developed for the use of its own wildernesses. Russia likes American enterprise and wants to induce American capital to win fortune in the vast Siberian field now being thrown open to settlement.

With the tremendous possibilities of Oriental commerce put entirely aside from the consideration of the desirability of annexing Hawaii, the single question of cementing the commercial alliance with Russia, for the mutual benefit to be derived from development, would be sufficient argument.

The Democrats of the House propose to hold a caucus on Tuesday next to determine their course in the question of annexing Cuba and Hawaii. A strenuous effort will be made to show that the immediate representative of the Democratic party have abandoned the traditional policy of the party in favor of territorial extension.

## Found Guilty of Smuggling.

Carl Hildebrand, a German jeweler and agent for the Imperial Lottery, at Dresden, who was arrested for attempting to smuggle diamonds and other valuables, was found guilty by a jury in the Criminal Branch of the United States Circuit Court yesterday.

## THREE HOLIDAY GIFTS IN NEXT SUNDAY'S GREAT JOURNAL.

The second book of Henry George's, "Last work given away with Sunday's Journal."

The new Klondike Game—A most interesting entertainment for the children. Given away with Sunday's Journal.

The most popular song of the week—Alice Atherton's laughing song in full sheet music folio. Given away with Sunday's Journal.

# JOKE COST THREE DOGWEEN DEAR.

Charges Preferred Against Them by Captain Stephen O'Brien.

POWERS BROKE HIS LEG.

He Declared He Jumped from a Wagon When Seifrod Drew a Revolver on Him.

The little joke Policemen John J. Powers and John H. Gilligan played on Policeman Chester L. Seifrod on Saturday, November 28, has had serious results. Their captain, Stephen O'Brien, of the East One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street station, has preferred charges against them. Powers is laid up with a broken leg.

Seifrod has a horse and wagon. He took the other two policemen for a drive that Saturday. They stopped at John Aditny's saloon, in Robbins avenue, where Seifrod met a friend, with whom he began to talk. Powers and Gilligan thought it would be a good joke to drive away and leave him. They did it, but Seifrod did not think the joke at all funny. When they returned he was angry. They say he drew his revolver and threatened to shoot them.

Powers jumped from the wagon and broke his leg. Gilligan drove away and left the horse at Westchester avenue. Seifrod took it back to the stable, and reported at the station that Powers was sick, saying nothing about the circumstances.

When Captain O'Brien heard what had taken place he preferred charges against Seifrod for threatening to shoot, and for failing to report Powers's broken leg, and against Powers and Gilligan for appropriating Seifrod's horse and wagon.

Seifrod was dismissed from the force in 1890 for failing to arrest Charles Jackson after he had killed Mamie Murphy in a sixth avenue saloon. He was reinstated by order of the courts.

## WHOLE DRIVE OR NONE.

The Mayor May Be Obligated to Vote Millions for the Riverside Park Extension.

Bicentennial will probably be glad to learn that a writ of mandamus was yesterday served upon Mayor W. L. Strong, Comptroller Fitch, Commissioner Collis, Park Commissioner McMillan and John Jerolman, president of the Board of Aldermen, to compel them to fully carry out the extension of Riverside Drive to Boulevard Lafayette. The writ is directed against these officials as members of the Board of Street Opening and Improvements.

Probably no scheme of public improvement ever devised in the city was so thoroughly discussed as this has been. It was opposed principally by the Trinity Corporation, because it would invade the cemetery at One Hundred and Fifty-third street. The Legislature provided \$2,000,000 for the improvement, and experts estimated that it would cost from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000.

Mayor Strong and his colleagues thought to keep down the cost by merely ordering a viaduct over Manhattan to One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, and striking out the construction of the northern part. This plan would connect Riverside Drive with Amsterdam avenue and the Boulevard.

Now comes the Mayor's agreement with a mandamus signed by Judge Charles H. Triest, demanding that the whole work be undertaken, no matter how many millions it may cost. Grinnell is a heavy estate owner in the vicinity of the proposed improvement.

## FELL ELEVEN STORIES.

A Workman Killed While Placing Stone on the Exchange Court Building.

From the eleventh floor of the Exchange Court Building, New street, Adolph May, a derelict man, fell yesterday afternoon and was instantly killed. His body crashed through a huge plank scaffolding and was picked up in an almost recognizable mass. With three others he was trying to place a large stone on a truck. The stone toppled and May, in trying to right it, lost his footing and fell. When he fell he was 290 feet too short and hit and struck into the cobblestones below.

May was thirty years old and lived at No. 120 Lexington avenue, where he had a wife and two young children. The Exchange Court Building belongs to the Astor estate.

## RUN OVER BY A FUROR.

The Legs of the Victim Fractured—Hot Chase for a Driver, Who Is Captured and Looked Up.

William H. Ingraham, of No. 351 West Twenty-first street, crossed a funeral procession yesterday at Twenty-fifth street and Sixth avenue, and was run over by one of the carriages. Ingraham's legs were broken. He is in the New York Hospital. Charles Hughes, the driver of the carriage, whipped his horses furiously and started off on a gallop toward Broadway. He was caught by a patrolman and arrested. "Stop that driver; he has run over a man!" Hughes was arrested.

## LIKE THE NACK CASE.

Bank Collector Killed by a Couple, Who Then Dispose of His Remains by Fire.

Paris, Dec. 10.—The mystery of the disappearance of a bank collector named Lamare, a week ago, has been explained by the arrest and confession of a couple named Carreras, who were engaged in the business of growing mushrooms. Lamare, on November 30, called on the Carreras to collect money, when the latter hit him on the head with a piece of iron, killed him and hid his body in the evening, when they threw it into the furnace used for preparing mushrooms. The Carreras were found on his person at the time he was killed.

## GOT HIS POKER DUES.

Commander Stubbs Explains the Checks That Caused Trouble in the Confederate Veteran Camp.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 10.—In the investigation into the financial affairs of the Grand Camp of Confederate Veterans to-day, Colonel J. N. Stubbs, the Grand Commander, admitted that the two checks which formed the basis of the inquiry were genuine. These checks were drawn to Colonel Stubbs's order by J. W. Womack, but the Colonel explained that they were in payment of poker debts.

## Strong's Committee to Meet.

William F. King, president of the Merchants' Association, has elected secretary of the meeting held at Delmonico's Thursday night, called by the Mayor for the purpose of having a conference with the Mayor on the question of the merging of the municipalities of the City of New York into the Greater City of New York.

# FOUR BABIES IN A LIVING ROOM FOR ONE, THREE FOR A FATHER.

The Father of the Four Is a Tailor Out of Work and Is Unhappy.

BERNARD BRESLAU is the proudest and most unhappy man in Brooklyn. He sat in haughty solitude on the area railing outside the rickety rear tenement at No. 218 West street yesterday afternoon and shed scolding tears.

A policeman, two Italian peddlers and a colored kalsomine artist regarded him from a respectful distance with glances of mingled sympathy and admiration. A stout lady, of important mien, emerged from the tenement and approached the weeping man with an air of decision. Breslau wearily reached into his trousers pocket, produced a silver coin and handed it to the fat lady, who hurried across the street to a milk depot. Breslau dropped his face into his hands and sobbed as a chorus of piping wails sounded from the open door of the tenement.

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But the news was a fearful blow to Breslau. True friends led him into a confining bar and guarded him closely during his frenzy. When Mrs. Breslau was able to see her husband she looked upon a broken, saddened man.

"Don't cry, Lena," he said, tenderly, if gloomily. "They want need much to eat or many clothes for a while, but I will get it. If they do not move to the country, where milk's cheap, in the Spring."

The trio slumbered peacefully yesterday on a single pillow. Kind-hearted neighbors had supplemented Mrs. Breslau's single bed and were taking turns at looking after her, the three babies, the three-year-old boy and the one-year-old girl who had preceded them to the world.

Mrs. Breslau, a pretty woman of twenty-six, regarded the babies wistfully and sighingly. Outside, the stricken Breslau had sought relief for his sorrow in conversation. He was red-eyed, unshaven, and wore his coat buttoned over his undershirt at the time of the stork's first visitation.

The overburdened stork which brought consternation to Bernard Breslau's heart flew across the river and alighted upon the roof of the apartment house at No. 211 West Sixty-seventh street, Thursday night.

The Byrne family had already overflowed a large flat at that address. Thirteen children already blessed their home, but the merry Christmas season stork took no notice of that fact.

When Dr. S. W. Smith, who had been hastily summoned, consequent upon the bird's arrival, sought out Byrne here at a wild hour in the morning, he imparted the happy news that the census of the Byrnes' family had just been increased to eighteen by the arrival of three sturdy boys, weighing eight pounds each.

Byrne took the matter philosophically. He has become accustomed to the stork's visitations. Yesterday was the fifteenth birthday of the Byrnes' eldest daughter, Mary Louise, and since a family celebration was incumbent, the scheme was elaborated some, and the triplets were christened. They had been named Frank, Charles and Walter.

Mrs. Estelle Byrne, the mother of sixteen children, is only thirty-eight, and weighs about 130 pounds. Smith says the triplets are as healthy and strong as any babies he has ever known in the course of his professional career.

## THESE AGED TRIPLETS HAVE BIRTHDAYS THREE DAYS APART.

Seventy-eight Years Old Now, but Just as Hearty and Lively as the Youngest Great-Grandchild of the Seventy-five Descendants That Celebrated Their Birthdays This Month—They Have a Big Sister Aged Seventy-four and a Little Sister Aged Seventy-six.

These are triplets that one likes to read about. Sturdy, healthy folk, who celebrated their seventy-eighth birthday on the fourth and seventh days of this present December. They are the triplets of Mrs. Margaret Applegate, who was born on December 4, 1819, and John and Albert White, who were born three days later. They are the children of Nancy Swartkooop and John F. White, who were married in Brooklyn in 1812. Mr. White was a Frenchman and his bride a descendant of the Dutch settlers of Brooklyn. Their first child came into the world all by herself, and is now, at the age of eighty-four, hale and hearty in her home in St. John's, Ohio.

## CLEVELAND AFTER DUCKS

Goes to South Carolina as the Guest of General Alexander for a Week or Ten Days' Shooting.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Grover Cleveland arrived in Washington this afternoon. He left Princeton this morning at 9:30 and is en route to South Carolina on a hunting trip. Mr. Cleveland did not leave his car during the two hours it was in the city. He met at the Sixth Street Station by Captain Robley D. Evans, of the Light-horse Board; General Anson G. McCook, United States Marshal A. A. Wilson, and two or three other intimate friends.

Mr. Cleveland has evidently improved greatly since he left Washington. He said that he was enjoying excellent health and that he had been better for several years. He declined to discuss politics or public affairs, but laughed and suggested that he might have some interesting stories on duck shooting to tell upon his return from the South. He is on his way to South Island, about thirty miles from Charleston, S. C., where he will be the guest of General E. P. Alexander, the Chief of the Confederate Artillery forces at the battle of Gettysburg, and now president of the Georgia Central Railroad. The ex-President left Washington at 3:45 a clock in the afternoon. He expects to be gone a week or ten days.

## Mortgage for an Enormous Sum.

Boston, Dec. 10.—The largest amount ever recorded in a mortgage deed recorded at the Middlesex Registry of Deeds has been filed at East Coast. The amount of the mortgage is \$17,500,000, and was filed by the New England Note and Gas Company to the Central Trust Company of New York.

## Nothing Is Lost.

If you have lost a diamond ring, or any other precious thing, tell more than likely be restored. If you a Journal "Wants" will try. For Journal "Wants" will catch the eye, and he who reads will reap reward. Use Journal "Wants."

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## TEA STOPS A TUMULT.

Baltimore Society Scandalized by a Row at the Meeting of the Colonial Dames of Maryland.

Baltimore, Dec. 10.—The fashionable community has been set agog by the choice piece of gossip furnished by that august and exclusive body, the Colonial Dames of Maryland, which met yesterday afternoon for the first time this season at their rooms at the St. James Hotel. The meeting was largely attended, and the occasion was taken advantage of for the purpose of balloting for nominations of officers. The annual election is to be held on January 6.

This method has been adopted for several years, but an innovation was introduced yesterday that caused a tempest to sweep over the usual serenity of the gathering. It was proposed that the slips bearing the names of the ladies to be nominated and to be subsequently voted for, should be placed in a box, and that the box should be opened by the member who had indicated her preference for officers and managers.

This proposition, it is understood, emanated from the powers that be, or, in other words, the present officers, but the suggestion was received with a howl of derision, if such an expression is allowed in connection with the proceedings of so distinguished a body. A tumult followed the announcement, and one hundred women arose to their feet and all talked at once. The motion was finally withdrawn, and the stately dames adjourned for a general tea drinking, in which the soothing beverage was served from silver buffets, and the ladies were regaled with a variety of delicacies.

It is said that there is some dissatisfaction regarding the present management, and that changes are proposed in the roster of officers for next year. The majority of members declared that they favored a free ballot and were opposed to star chamber proceedings.

## BROADWAY NO CAMPUS.

Columbia Freshman Arrested for Fighting Near the Marlborough.

Two boys, fighting with their sticks in front of the Hotel Marlborough, on Broadway, last night, were arrested by the police.

The elder, Jerome Steiner, sixteen years of age, of No. 49 Seventh street, said he was a freshman of Columbia University. In spite of this alleged explanation he was detained at the West Thirtieth street station.

The younger, Julius Schwartz, fifteen years of age, of No. 122 East Seventy-third street, was committed to the City Society.

# THE MAJOR'S HUNT.

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Afraid of Tar an Feathers, Dailey Promised Not to Favor the Car Companies.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 10.—Three hundred desperadoes and demagogues surrounded the residence of Councilman Charles Dailey at midnight two nights ago and demanded that he appear upon the porch to explain his position on the Reynolds ordinance, which is now before the Council, to extend the franchises of all the street railways twenty-five years. Dailey appeared in his night clothes.

"What is your position upon the measure?" yelled the crowd.

"I will not vote for the ordinance in its present form," answered Dailey, who was very much alarmed.

"You'll not vote for it at all," yelled the mob, "or we will tar and feather you." Dailey hemmed and hawed, and a torch or more more clamored upon the porch and threatened him with immediate personal violence. He thereupon promised not to vote for the ordinance at all.

This onslaught upon the Councilman, as prompted by Mayor McKisson, who in a speech before the district meeting urged the repeal of every ordinance, was met by Councilman Dailey, who had consented to vote against the ordinance. Excitement is running high in the town, and at the next meeting of the Council police protection will be necessary.

## KARMA AND CASH.

Theosophists Have a Bazar and Living Pictures with Esoteric Explanations.

Astral body experts need it. Thought transfers need it. What is it? This is not an advertisement copied from the panel of an elevated train. It is a cry from the very centre of the occult forces. A bazar under the auspices of the Theosophists is in process. It opened last night for the benefit of the International Brotherhood League.

All day yesterday made that are accustomed to the serenity of Karma absorption were given over to the study of occult effects. Hearts that have aspired to adept heights were deep in delighted contemplation of gauzes and spangles. Hands that mayhap in a former terrestrial state trod the cradle of a "Koot Hoomi" were busy with the homely needle and the useful tack.

All in the name of charity. The plan for the bazar emanated from the Brotherhood headquarters, of No. 114 Madison avenue. It was under the general supervision of Mrs. Katherine Tingley and Mrs. Mayer. In the basement of Scottish Rite Hall, followed by a morning of theosophical principles, the bringing about of a better understanding between so-called savage and civilized races, various countries were represented by various people in various costumes. The prettiest girls, chosen from among the most earnest of the society students, stood in rows under the robes and dowers and kunkkunks of every description.

Above stairs, passing beneath banners gathered by the Theosophists of their memorable journey to other lands, banners brought from West and East, typical of the good will of thousands, the audience provided to see a series of living pictures.

The pictures were from "A Winter's Tale." New slide lights were shown them by Mrs. H. K. Richmond Greep.

## FIRE IN A CITY SCHOOL.

"Grammar Number Seventy-nine," on First Street, Badly Damaged at Daylight.

More than two thousand children, pupils of the grammar and primary departments of Public School No. 79, on First street, between First and Second avenues, were yesterday obliged to take a holiday because of a fire which broke out in the rear of the second floor of the school building at 5 o'clock in the morning and caused damage amounting to over \$10,000. It was at least a week before the school can be reopened.

During the progress of the fire the dwellers in several tenement houses in the rear of the school were badly frightened, and many of them ran scantily clothed to the street.

It was not known until the janitor of the school, who lived nearby, reached the scene of the disaster that the assistance of the fire department was required. The janitor, Roger Rogers, plucked up upstairs through the thick smoke and aroused the man who quickly made their escape to the street.

## NEARLY ROASTED ALIVE.

Pursell Was Making Repairs Inside a Smokestack, When the Fires Were Started Below Him.

San Francisco, Dec. 10.—Six fires were started by the steamer Wellington at the Folsom Street Wharf to-day while Michael Pursell, a boiler-maker, was making some repairs inside the smokestack. He was strapped on a chair suspended from the top of the stack about forty feet from the dampers below.

It was impossible to go up, and to go down the assistance of a ladder being required. The heat increased until the boiler-maker, who was nearly roasted alive on the hot dampers. Dense volumes of hot smoke began rolling up the stack, and the man was nearly suffocated. The heat increased until the boiler-maker, who was nearly roasted alive on the hot dampers. Dense volumes of hot smoke began rolling up the stack, and the man was nearly suffocated.

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